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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during August totaled 400,000 pounds, unchanged from July but 20 percent below the previous year.

There were 400 head of **cattle** slaughtered during August, unchanged from July but 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 784 pounds, up 14 pounds from the previous month and 93 pounds above August 2009. Total live weight, at 320,000 pounds, was unchanged from the previous month but 23 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during August totaled 500 head, up 100 head from the previous month and the previous year. Live weight averaged 525 pounds, down 11 pounds from July but 21 pounds above August 2009. Total live weight, at 250,000 pounds, was up 19 percent from July and 39 percent above the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during August totaled 700 head, unchanged from the previous month but down 100 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 181 pounds, down 13 pounds from July and 12 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 124,000 pounds, down eight percent from July and 16 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during August was 500 head, up 200 head from July and 100 head above the previous year. Live weight averaged 56 pounds, down five pounds from the previous month and four pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.1 billion pounds in August, up one percent from August 2009.

August 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays. **August 2009** contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.3 billion pounds, was five percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.0 million head, up six percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,277 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, six percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,200 head, down one percent from August 2009. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from last year, at 254 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.8 billion pounds, down three percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.1 million head, down two percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down one pound from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down four percent from August 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down five pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2010 commercial red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down two percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year; veal was down one percent; pork was down four percent from last year; and lamb and mutton production was down three percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	July	August		January - August		August		January - August	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----Number, thousand head-----					-----Number, thousand head-----			
Cattle	0.4	0.6	0.4	5.0	3.5	2,781.9	2,955.9	22,282.6	22,706.7
Calves	0.4	0.4	0.5	2.7	3.5	76.8	76.2	606.1	585.5
Hogs	0.7	0.8	0.7	8.2	7.3	9,340.0	9,113.2	74,063.6	71,282.7
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.4	0.5	2.9	2.6	203.4	204.0	1,617.2	1,614.0
	-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----					-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----			
Cattle	320	418	320	3,687	2,732	3,587,063	3,763,591	28,594,928	28,736,727
Calves	210	180	250	1,353	1,902	17,787	19,082	151,544	149,470
Hogs	135	148	124	1,645	1,402	2,500,176	2,427,975	20,014,612	19,273,555
Sheep & Lambs	19	25	30	186	177	26,720	25,602	222,880	216,730
	-----Average live weight, pounds-----					-----Average live weight, pounds-----			
Cattle	770	691	784	737	781	1,293	1,277	1,288	1,270
Calves	536	504	525	501	543	234	254	253	259
Hogs	194	193	181	201	192	268	267	270	271
Sheep & Lambs	61	60	56	64	68	131	126	138	134
	-----Million pounds-----					-----Million pounds-----			
Red Meat	0.4	0.5	0.4	4.3	3.8	4,077.0	4,126.5	32,507.1	31,940.0

September Farm Prices Received Index Up

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 150 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased five points from August. The Crop Index was up six points and the Livestock Index increased one point. Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, broilers and milk and lower prices for lettuce, eggs, soybeans and strawberries. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, apples and potatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 24 points from September 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased one point from last month and increased 22 points from September 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was 183 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was up one point from August and seven points above September 2009. Higher prices in September for feed grains, complete feeds, concentrates and LP gas more than offset lower prices for feeder cattle, diesel, potash & phosphate and gasoline.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010 ¹	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010 ¹
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	9.72	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.10	9.94
Sorghum, per cwt	5.49	6.74	2/	5.63	6.36	7.43
Rice, per cwt	12.90	10.40	10.40	14.60	11.30	11.30
Upland Cotton, per pound	.578	2/	.746	.550	.772	.768 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	105.00	111.00	111.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	55.20	70.50	67.50	80.50	93.50	94.40
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	81.30	96.60	94.00	85.50	98.00	99.30
Cows, per cwt ⁵	39.90	55.20	52.00	44.30	58.40	56.60
Calves, per cwt	89.40	111.00	105.00	105.00	121.00	120.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.420	.480	.500
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.744	.792	.636
Milk, All, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	13.00	16.70	17.20

¹ Mid-month.

² Insufficient sales to establish a price.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Corn off farm stocks, on September 1, 2010, totaled 9.0 million bushels, compared to 4.4 million bushels in 2009.

Sorghum off farm stocks, on September 1, 2010, totaled 811,000 bushels, down 22 percent from 2009.

Off-farm holdings of **soybeans** on September 1, 2010, totaled 3.1 million bushels, compared to 2.1 million bushels in 2009.

All wheat off-farm stocks, on September 1, 2010, totaled 8.2 million bushels, up 18 percent from 2009.

United States Grain Stocks

Old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2010, totaled 1.7 billion bushels, up two percent from September 1, 2009. Of the total stocks, 485 million bushels are stored on farms, down 20 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.2 billion bushels, are up 15 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2010 indicated disappearance is 2.6 billion bushels, compared with 2.6 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Old crop grain sorghum stored in all positions on September 1, 2010, totaled 41.2 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 4.5 million bushels, are up two percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 36.7 million bushels, are down 27 percent from September 1, 2009. The June - August 2010 indicated disappearance from all positions is 46.6 million bushels, down two percent from the same period a year ago.

Old crop soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2010, totaled 151 million bushels, up nine percent from September 1, 2009. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 35.4 million bushels, up one percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 116 million bushels, are up 12 percent from last September. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2010 totaled 420 million bushels, down eight percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2010, totaled 2.5 billion bushels, up 11 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 826 million bushels, down one percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.6 billion bushels, are up 19 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2010 indicated disappearance is 740 million bushels, up 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Louisiana and United States Grain Stocks, Sept 1, 2009 - 2010

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	September 1		September 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn (Old Crop)				
On Farm			607,500	485,100
Off Farm ²	<u>4,420</u>	<u>9,025</u>	<u>1,065,811</u>	<u>1,222,466</u>
Total			1,673,311	1,707,566
Sorghum (Old Crop)				
On Farm			4,400	4,500
Off Farm ²	<u>1,046</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>50,312</u>	<u>36,741</u>
Total			54,712	41,241
Soybeans (Old Crop)				
On Farm			35,100	35,400
Off Farm ²	<u>2,135</u>	<u>3,088</u>	<u>103,098</u>	<u>115,721</u>
Total			138,198	151,121
All Wheat				
On Farm			836,000	826,000
Off Farm ²	<u>6,953</u>	<u>8,189</u>	<u>1,373,338</u>	<u>1,632,849</u>
Total			2,209,338	2,458,849

¹ Louisiana on-farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

Soybeans: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production by state and United States, 2009¹

State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Bushels	1,000 Bushels
Alabama	440	430	40.0	17,200
Arkansas	3,420	3,270	37.5	122,625
Delaware	185	183	42.0	7,686
Florida	37	34	38.0	1,292
Georgia	470	440	36.0	15,840
Illinois	9,400	9,350	46.0	430,100
Indiana	5,450	5,440	49.0	266,560
Iowa	9,600	9,530	51.0	486,030
Kansas	3,700	3,650	44.0	160,600
Kentucky	1,430	1,420	48.0	68,160
Louisiana	1,020	940	39.0	36,660
Maryland	485	475	42.0	19,950
Michigan	2,000	1,990	40.0	79,600
Minnesota	7,200	7,120	40.0	284,800
Mississippi	2,160	2,030	38.0	77,140
Missouri	5,350	5,300	43.5	230,550
Nebraska	4,800	4,760	54.5	259,420
New Jersey	89	87	42.0	3,654
New York	255	254	43.0	10,922
North Carolina	1,800	1,750	34.0	59,500
North Dakota	3,900	3,870	30.0	116,100
Ohio	4,550	4,530	49.0	221,970
Oklahoma	405	390	31.0	12,090
Pennsylvania	450	445	46.0	20,470
South Carolina	590	565	24.5	13,843
South Dakota	4,250	4,190	42.0	175,980
Tennessee	1,570	1,530	45.0	68,850
Texas	215	190	25.0	4,750
Virginia	580	570	37.0	21,090
West Virginia	20	19	41.0	779
Wisconsin	1,630	1,620	40.0	64,800
United States	77,451	76,372	44.0	3,359,011

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